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SUBJECT: GOC CLAIMS GRIVAS SEEKING PRESIDENCY OF "NEW STATE"

REF: NICOSIA 1753

SUMMARY: GOC CLAIMS GRIVAS MOVING TO SET UP "NEW STATE" VICE ENOSIS, WITH HIMSELF AS PRESIDENT; PRODUCES "EVIDENCE" THAT ESEA DIRECTLY UNDER GRIVAS CONTROL. ESEA DENOUNCES NEW GOC DISCLOSURES AS PART OF SMEAR CAMPAIGN. GOC CONTINUES ARRESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS. CHARGES SO FAR REST ON WAFER-THIN EVIDENCE. END SUMMARY

1. AUGUST 14 PRESS REPORTS PIO CHRISTODOULOU CHARGES THAT (1) GRIVAS CAMP SEEKING NOT ENOSIS BUT CREATION OF "NEW STATE" WITH GENERAL AS PRESIDENT, AND (2) ESEA MOVEMENT FULLY UNDER GRIVAS' CONTROL. PIO BASED CHARGES ON RECITATION OF EXCERPTS, ALLEGEDLY CONTAINED IN JULY 17 LETTER FROM GRIVAS TO ESEA, IN WHICH GENERAL (1) REJECTED IDEA OF CALLING ON CONFIDENTIAL

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CLERIDES OR ANYONE ELSE TO TAKE OVER REINS IN EVENT STRUGGLE

SUCCESSFUL, ADDING THAT "WE BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR CREATION OF THE NEW STATE," AND (2) GAVE LONG RECITATION OF ESEA COMMITTEES' SHORTCOMINGS, DEMANDING FULL ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS, AND ADDING THAT HE WILL MOVE TO STAFF ESEA COMMITTEES WITH MORE ABLE MEN. LATTER EXTRACT ALSO REJECTS IDEA OF LETTING ECCLESIASTICAL ISSUE BRING ON GENERAL MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH MAKARIOS "AT PLACE AND IN MANNER HE WANTS." PIO CLAIMED THAT LETTER, AS IN CASE "APOLLO" PLAN DISCLOSED AUGUST 11, BORE "AE2" SIGNATURE--I.E., GRIVAS. HE REFUSED REVEAL OTHER EXCERPTS OR SHOW ANYTHING IN WRITING TO PRESS.

2. IN RESPONSE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, PIO (1) ADDED THAT GOC CONSIDERING STEPS AGAINST ESEA IN VIEW REVELATION THAT ITS LEADERSHIP UNDER GRIVAS' CONTROL (SOMETHING EVERYONE HAS ASSUMED ALL ALONG); (2) HAD NO FURTHER COMMENT RE PRESS REPORT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN EOKA-B AND ATHENS, (3) DENIED AWARENESS OF ANY COOPERATION BETWEEN EOKA-B AND GREEK EMBASSY, AND (4) HAD NOTHING TO STATE RE REPORTS THAT GOC HAD ASKED FOR RECALL OF GREEK OFFICERS SERVING IN NATIONAL GUARD.

2. AUGUST 14 "MAKHI" REPORTS THAT ESEA CIRCLES HAVE BRANDED LATEST PIO STATEMENTS AND ALLEGED EXTRACTS PART OF WELL-PLANNED SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST GRIVAS AND FOLLOWERS. CLERIDES LET IT BE KNOWN THROUGH "AGON" THAT HE HAD NO INTEREST IN ASSUMING PRESIDENCY OF STATE AS RESULT OF COUP. TURK PRESS REPORTING NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN FULL BUT WITH LARGE DEAL OF SKEPTICISM WRITTEN BETWEEN LINES.

3. MEANWHILE, GOC APPEARS TO BE CONDUCTING NEW BROAD-SWEEP INVESTIGATIONS AND ARRESTS. CBC REPORTS THIS P.M. THAT TACTICAL RESERVE POLICE ARRESTED FIVE PERSONS AND UNCOVERED LARGE QUANTITY ARMS AND AMMO IN TROODOS MONASTERY (MAKHERAS). FIVE MORE PERSONS ARRESTED NICOSIA LAST NIGHT IN CONNECTION LAST FEBRUARY RAID ON OMORPHITA POLICE STATION. RUMORS IN PRESS RE PENDING DISMISSALS OF SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR LACK OF LOYALTY TO GOC.

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4. COMMENT: AS IN CASE OF "APOLLO" PLAN DISCLOSURE, WE CANNOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY THAT GOC HAS GENUINE EVIDENCE FOR NEW CHARGES BUT WE MUST REPEAT THAT AS YET GOC HAS PRODUCED NOTHING SUBSTANTIAL, LET ALONE CONVINCING, TO BACK UP THESE ALLEGATIONS. EFFORTS TO DISCOUNT GRIVAS' ENOSIST CREDENTIALS AND PAINT HIM AS POWER-GRABBING PUTSCHIST SEEMS SLIGHTLY STRAINED ON BASIS OF ONE SENTENCE TAKEN OUT OF (WHO KNOWS WHAT?) CONTEXT, BUT FITS NEATLY WITH ONGOING

GOC CAMPAIGN FOLLOWING ACKNOWLEDGED KIDNAPPING OF MINJUSTICE
TO TAR BOTH GENERAL AND HIS FOLLOWERS WITH
BROAD BRUSH OF CHARGES: ASSASSINATION PLANS
AGAINST ETHNARCH, PUTSCH-MONGERING, LACK OF ENOSIS VERVE,
AND SHEER PERSONAL AGGRANDIZEMENT. MAJOR UPSURGE
OF ANTI-GRIVAS "DISCLOSURES" AND PARTICULARLY STORIES RE
LACK OF NATIONAL GUARD FIDELITY TO GOC BEGAN WITH LAGACOS'
DEPARTURE TO ATHENS LAST SATURDAY. POSSIBLE THAT GOC
TRYING EXERCISE PRESSURE IN ATHENS WITHOUT DIRECTLY ASKING
TO REIN IN GRIVAS AND/OR NATIONAL GUARD ENTHUSIASTS, BUT WE
STILL THINK MORE IMMEDIATE EXPLANATION IS GENERAL EFFORT WHOLLY
DISCREDIT GRIVAS IN CYPRUS TO ALLOW FURTHER GOC MOVES AGAINST
ENOSIST OPPONENTS. END COMMENT.
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